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Status of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Up to 1 May 1991, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by the following 62 States: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia,

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Finland, France, Germany*, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic,

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* The former German Democratic Republic ratified the Convention on 16 July 1974. In a communication dated 3 October 1990, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany informed the Secretary-General of the following:

> "... Through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to form one sovereign State, which as a single Member of the United Nations remains bound by the provisions of the Charter in accordance with the solemn declaration of 12 June 1973. As from the date of unification, the Federal Republic of Germany will act in the United Nations under the designation of 'Germany'".
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> "The former German Democratic Republic was also admitted to the Organization on 18 September 1973 by Resolution No. 3050 (XXVIII), registered under No. 12758. (For the text of the declaration of acceptance of the obligations contained in the Charter made by the German Democratic Republic, see United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 891, p. 103).
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> "Consequently, and in the light of articles 11 and 12 of the Treaty of 31 August 1990 (Unification Treaty) between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic, entries in status lists pertaining to formalities (i.e. signatures, ratifications, accessions, declarations and reservations, etc.) effected by the Federal Republic of Germany will now appear under 'Germany' as follows:
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> > "(a) entries pertaining to formalities effected by the sole Federal Republic of Germany, will simply indicate the date of such formalities;
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> > "(b) as regard to treaties in respect of which formalities had been effected by both the Federal Republic of Germany and the former German Democratic Republic prior to unification, the entry will indicate the type of formality effected by the Federal Republic and the corresponding date on which it took place (the type of formality effected by the former German Democratic Republic and the corresponding date will appear in a footnote);
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> > "(c) as regard to the treatment of treaties in respect of which formalities were effected by the former German Democratic Rebublic alone, article 12, paragraph 3 of the Unification Treaty contains the following provision: 'Should the united Germany intend to accede to international organizations or other multilateral treaties of which the German Democratic Republic but not the Federal Republic of Germany is a member, agreement shall be reached with the respective contracting parties and with the European Communities where the latter's competence is affected'. Status lists for the treaties concerned will contain a footnote indicating the date and type of formality effected by the German Democratic Republic."

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen**, and Yugoslavia.

2. The Convention had been signed by Myanmar, Denmark, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Liberia.

** Ratification, accession, approval, notification of succession, acceptance or definitive signature have been given only by the former Republic of Yemen.